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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any rehabilitation policy for the children who have become orphan due to natural calamities and social violence;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) to (c) : The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 is the legislation which provides for rehabilitation and social integration of 'children in need of care and protection' through non- institutional care by adoption & foster care, and through institutional care in a Children's Home. Under the Act, a child in need of any armed conflict, civil commotion or natural calamity.

The national policy for Children, 1974, The National Charter for Children, 2003 and the National Plan of Action for Children, 2005 lay down the policy and strategy for the identification, care, protection, counseling and rehabilitation (including shelter, education, health , and prevention of exploitation) of child victims of natural calamities and social violence.

In pursuance of these, the Government of India in the Ministry of Women and child Development is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), under which financial assistance is provided to State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations for setting up and maintenance of Homes, Shelters and Open Shelters for Children in need of care and protection and children in conflict with law. These provide food, clothing, shelter, educational facilities etc. to the children.

The national foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Home Affairs also implements programmes and projects for assisting in the physical and psychological rehabilitation of children or other victims of violence/ clashes which fracture social harmony.